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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1980

To Spencer Thornton

Thank you for your kind letter.
Your prayers and support are greatly
appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely, *your friend,*



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November 25, 1980

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President Jimmy Carter
White House
Washington DC

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Dear Mr. Carter,

When Fred Gregg introduced Ginnie and me to you and Rosalynn in the pastor's study nearly three years ago, I made a commitment to pray for you every day throughout your presidency. I have kept that promise. Every day has begun with prayer for God's protection for you and those about you. Ginnie and I have prayed too for you and Rosalynn as a couple, knowing the pressures of the world on both of you.

Disappointed as I was that you were not reelected, my daily prayer was not that you be reelected, but that God use you as a witness of His power and love. This is still my prayer.

As you look to the days ahead, know that I--and I'm sure many others who love you--will be continuing to hold you up to our Lord in prayer; for His guidance and protection and for a filling of His joy as a faithful servant. Know that whatever you may hear among men, you are in His care and He will light your path.

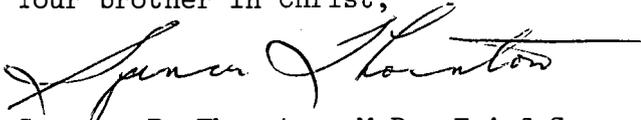
As a supporter--and friend--I want to thank you for your consistent and unyielding Christian stand as leader of our wonderful country. I believe history will show how much our country, and world, owes to your leadership for keeping us free of involvement in the battlefields of the world.

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Through the past several years I have been grateful for those whom God has given you as friends; some of whom have been long-time friends of mine, Fred Gregg especially. Through him and others, your work (God's work in you) will continue and will spread and influence others.

With this letter comes love and concern for you and your family and continued prayers for your health and abiding peace.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Spencer P. Thornton". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

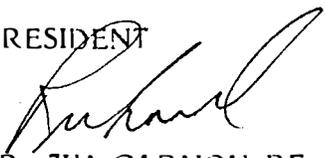
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM RICHARD HARDEN 
SUBJECT MEETING WITH DR. JIM CARMON RE COMPUTER SYSTEMS

As I discussed with you the other day, I feel the University System of Georgia is the best organization to handle the transfer of your computer records. I have, therefore, arranged for Dr. Jim Carmon, Vice Chancellor for Computer Services, to conduct a study to determine the cost of transferring the files and the cost of maintaining them in Georgia. I have also asked him to provide you an estimate of the cost you would likely incur using the systems.

The purpose of the meeting today is for Jim to give you some background on the facilities currently available within the University System and to outline the approach he would propose in transferring and maintaining the systems. You should express to him any special needs you anticipate having and any feelings you have as to how the files should be maintained. Jim has indicated that he can have rough estimates of the cost by Monday December 8, 1980.

Also attending the meeting will be my deputy, Sarah Kadec. Since she is a career government employee and will likely be staying, I have asked her to coordinate the discussions with GSA on how to handle the costs. Sarah is also working on the microfiche project.

If you would like, I can provide you with an overall work plan and brief weekly status memos.

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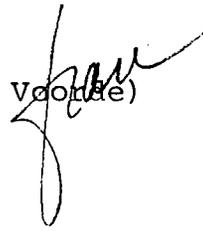
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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12:55

Meeting with Henry Benach
Tuesday, December 2, 1980
The Oval Office
12:55 p.m.
(5 minutes)

(by: Fran Voorde)



I. PURPOSE:

Brief meeting and photograph.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, PRESS:

A. Background: You called Mr. Benach on November 14 to thank him for his help and support. At that time he requested this opportunity for a brief visit and photograph.

Benach is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Starrett Housing Corporation, a New York City construction firm.

He raised over \$200,000 for Carter/Mondale and our get-out-the-vote efforts.

B. Participants: The President
Henry Benach

C. Press: White House Photographer

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THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF MY MOST DIFFICULT ^{POLITICAL} CHALLENGES. THROUGHOUT MY LIFE

IT IS A CHALLENGE I WILL CONTINUE TO MEET. /

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IN THE LAST 4 YEARS

- WE HAVE STRENGTHENED THE CLEAN AIR & CLEAN WATERS ACTS
& THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT.
- WE HAVE ESTABLISHED STRICT FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR COAL MINING.
- WE HAVE PROVIDED FOR BETTER CONTROL OF PESTICIDES & TOXIC CHEMICALS.
- WE HAVE AT LEAST CONTINUED OUR PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.
- OUTSIDE OF ALASKA,
WE HAVE MADE VAST ADDITIONS TO OUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM
& HAVE CREATED NEW WILDERNESS AREAS
& DESIGNATED NEW WILD & SCENIC RIVERS. //

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO RETREAT FROM THESE EFFORTS NOW.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOOK AT THE IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL PROFITS
& IGNORE THE LONG TERM COSTS OF MISUSING THE ENVIRONMENT. //

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THIS ACT OF CONGRESS GIVES US BOTH THE IMPETUS & THE INSPIRATION. //

FOR TODAY, LET US CELEBRATE.

- THE MOUNTAINS THAT RIM THE MISTY FJORDS & RISE ABOVE ADMIRALTY ISLAND,
- THE TRACKS OF MAN'S PAST ALONG THE BERING STRAIT,
- THE RIVERS & LAKES THAT HARBOR SALMON & TROUT,
- THE GAME TRAILS OF ^{CARIBOU &} GRIZZLYS IN THE BROOKS RANGE,
- THE MARSHES WHERE OUR WATERFOWL SUMMER --

ALL THESE ARE NOW PRESERVED, ✓

NOW & FOR ALL TIME TO COME. /

I THANK GOD THAT YOU HAVE ^{HELPED TO MAKE} ~~MADE~~ IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO SIGN THIS BILL. //

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THIS ACT OF CONGRESS GIVES US BOTH THE IMPETUS & THE INSPIRATION. /

FOR TODAY, LET US CELEBRATE.

- THE MOUNTAINS THAT RIM THE MISTY FJORDS & RISE ABOVE ADMIRALTY ISLAND,
- THE TRACKS OF MAN'S PAST ALONG THE BERING STRAIT,
- THE RIVERS & LAKES THAT HARBOR SALMON & TROUT,
- THE GAME TRAILS OF GRIZZLYS IN THE BROOKS RANGE,
- THE MARSHES WHERE OUR WATERFOWL SUMMER --

ALL THESE ARE NOW PRESERVED, ✓

NOW & FOR ALL TIME TO COME. ✓

I THANK GOD THAT YOU HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO SIGN THIS BILL. ✓

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Al McDonald
Rick Hertzberg
Anna Simons

Subject: Presidential Speech:
Alaska Lands Bill

Scheduled delivery:
Tue, Dec 2, 9:30 a.m.
East Room

Your speech for this occasion is
attached.

Clearances

Stu Eizenstat
Gus Speth

[First ¶. will be updated by
Patty de Souza, x7750, no later
than COB today, Monday]

Anna Simons
A-1 12/1/80
Scheduled Delivery:
Tues. Dec 2, 9:30 AM
East Room

Alaska Lands Bill

This is a proud day for me, for the ~~96th~~ Congress, and
for all of you who have worked so hard to help create and
enact this legislation -- Mo Udall, ~~who championed this bill~~
~~in the House~~, John Seiberling, Paul Tsongas, Alan Cranston,
Scoop Jackson; the Alaska delegation, not to be confused
with the Alaska Coalition, both of which deserve credit for
its passage, and Secretary Andrus.

For nearly a decade, ~~three Administrations, several~~
~~Congresses, and~~ thousands of dedicated Americans have worked
toward this historic moment. The bill before me now, the
Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, is one of
the most important pieces of conservation legislation in
the history of our country.

Never before in the history of this nation have we
~~recognized and~~ seized the opportunity to preserve so much of
America's natural and cultural heritage on so grand a scale:

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¶ We are setting aside for conservation an area of land
larger than the state of California.

¶ By designating more than 97 million acres for new parks
and refuges we are doubling the size of our National Park
and Wildlife Refuge System.

¶ By protecting 25 free-flowing Alaskan rivers in their
natural state we are almost doubling the size of our Wild
and Scenic Rivers system.

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¶ By classifying 56 million acres of some of the most magnificent
lands in our Federal estate as wilderness we are tripling
the size of our wilderness ~~preservation~~ system.

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¶ We have preserved the unparalleled beauty of areas like

(correct) Susan -
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with the
or Cecil } 100% of The offshore areas and
95% of the potentially productive
oil and mineral areas will be
available for drilling and exploration
or drilling.

the Misty Fjords and Admiralty Island National Monuments
in Southeast Alaska.

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¶ And we have ensured that Alaska's Eskimos, Indians and
Aleuts can continue their traditional way of life.

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fortunate.

I have been ~~lucky~~. I have seen first-hand the splendor of
Alaska. But many Americans have not. Now, whenever they or
their children or grandchildren choose to visit Alaska, they
will have the opportunity to see ^{much of} its splendor undiminished,
and its majesty untarnished.

Not all of us got everything we wanted from this bill,
and many of us believe that more must be done. But we now
have a strong foundation and a sound basis for future progress.

This Act of Congress reaffirms our commitment to the
environment. It strikes a balance between protecting areas
of great beauty and value, and allowing development of Alaska's
vital oil, gas, mineral and timber resources.

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With this bill we are acknowledging that Alaska's wilderness areas are truly this country's crown jewels, and that Alaska's resources are treasures of another sort. How to tap those resources is a challenge we ^{can now} face in the decade ahead.

As a nation we have been blessed with an abundance of natural resources. We have also been blessed with an abundance of natural wonders -- from the Grand Canyon to the Gates of the Arctic, from the Everglades to Yellowstone. We are only just ^{learning} ~~beginning to learn~~ how to use the one without abusing the other.

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^{to enhance the quality of our lives.}
We must not let the pressures of the day interfere with these efforts. We cannot let our eagerness ~~to move ahead~~ ^{for progress in} ~~in the fields of~~ energy and technology ^{to} outstrip our care for our land, water and air, and for the plants and animals that share them with us.

*Stu would prefer this to be said more positively, e.g.:
"As we move ahead in the fields of energy and technology, we must maintain our efforts to maintain the quality of our land, water and air."

Rick thinks it's better as a sharper warning for the future.

dig out minerals *drill* *or ignore erosion or destroy*
 Every time we ~~mine coal or dig wells or search for~~ *sand dune*
~~or build a dam on a wild river or dump garbage or create~~
 minerals, we are ~~cutting~~ *changing* into the living Earth. We are *pollution*

affecting the air we breathe and the water we drink. We have
 nothing more precious than life, nothing more valuable than
 health. We must not forfeit these in our pursuit of progress.

We must face the fact that

~~[For just as it is vital to set aside wilderness for our
 children today, it is vital that we safeguard the environment
 for their children tomorrow.]~~

*These threats to the quality
 of life will mount inexorably during the years ahead.*

None of us can afford to relax our vigilance, ~~in the years~~ *and we*
~~ahead.~~ *Certainly* We cannot rely on government alone to be vigilant for

us. Each of us has a responsibility to the environment that
 nurtures us.

Years ago, Americans used to feel secure surrounded
 by wide oceans. Today, we have a different world view,
 and different oceans to contemplate. Today, we know that
 all of us, the globe over, belong to the same small world,

adrift in the vast seas of space. We see more clearly that we have a duty -- to ourselves and to our descendants, to the environment and to the world -- to conserve, to preserve, to think before we act, and always to care.

We Americans have a history of viewing the environment as wilderness and wilderness as something that must be conquered. But we must not forget that dark and forbidding as the forests may seem, ^{they are very} ~~it is~~ fragile; and wide as the oceans are, they are ^{quite} vulnerable.

For all that the Earth has given us, we owe it our respect, and more -- our understanding. We are the stewards of an irreplaceable environment. That is an awesome task and ^{a precious} ~~an awesome~~ gift.

In the decade past we worked hard to build strong programs to protect the environment and, where there was damage, to clean our skies and waterways. *We have made some progress. It has not been easy. Human greed is not an easy foe to conquer. This has been one of my most difficult challenges. It is a challenge I will continue to meet.*

In the last four years ~~alone~~, we have strengthened the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and the Coastal Zone Management Act. We have established strict federal environmental standards for coal mining. We have provided for better control of pesticides and toxic chemicals. *We have at least continued our protection of endangered species.* Outside of Alaska, we have made vast additions to our National Park System and have created new wilderness areas and designated new wild and scenic rivers.

We cannot afford to retreat from these efforts now. We cannot afford to look at the ~~short term~~ *immediate financial profits* benefits and ignore the long term costs of misusing the environment. ~~[That is the way to turn a quick profit. It is not the way to profit for long.]*~~

Protecting the environment ^{also} brings immediate benefits -- to our health and in ^{developing} ~~generating~~ new technologies. ^y It brings

*Stu would omit these two sentences.

some
costs as well. But these costs are very modest. The price
of not protecting the environment would be far greater -- and
far more lasting. Much of our ~~environment~~ *the damage* cannot be ~~replaced~~ *repaired*
at any price. We protect it today -- or we lose it for all time.

In tackling our challenges -- the problems of hazardous
waste disposal and eroding beaches, extinction of plant and
animal species and human overpopulation --- we have our
forebears to emulate. When they came to these shores they
faced challenges beyond any they had known -- and they had
think and do
to fight ~~and think~~ their way through. Their success is
~~proven.~~ It is our legacy today. Their triumphs and their
mistakes have much to teach us.

We have learned the hard way, in some cases, that we
cannot, without consequence, take from the land without
giving. We have learned, too, that what we need as we enter
the 80s is the same thing the pioneers had when they first
entered the wilderness -- determination and daring.

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We were determined to preserve portions of Alaska.

56 million acres of that state, ^{can} now stand ~~forever~~ pristine.

We dared to act with foresight instead of hindsight --

and with an understanding that Alaska will help keep our nation both energy strong and environmentally rich.

As our descendants look back on the 1980's, I hope it will be said that we kept our commitment to the restoration of environmental quality; that we protected the public health from the continuing dangers of toxic chemicals, from pollution, from hazardous and radioactive waste; that we put this nation on a path to a sustainable energy future, one based increasingly on renewable resources and on energy conservation.

Let it be said that we moved to protect America's countryside, ^{in protecting the our} and coastland from mismanagement, and that this year, the year of the coast, was perhaps the turning point; that we redirected the management of the nation's water resources toward water conservation and environmental protection;

and that we faced squarely such worldwide problems as deforestation
toxic waste disposal,
and acid rain, ¹ carbon dioxide build-up and nuclear proliferation.

That all of us have won so much in Alaska is all the
more reason to continue to fight for our other environmental
concerns. That we have struck a balance between Alaska's
economic interests and its natural beauty, its industry and
its ecology, is all the more reason to try to strike similar
balances elsewhere. This Act of Congress gives us both the
impetus and the inspiration.

For today, let us celebrate. The mountains that rim
the Misty Fjords and rise above Admiralty Island, the tracks
of man's past along the Bering Strait, the ~~Charley River~~ *rivers and lakes*
that harbor salmon and trout,
~~that tumbles to its meeting with the Yukon,~~ the game trails
of grizzlies in the Brooks Range, the marshes where our waterfowl
summer -- all these are now preserved, now and for all time
to come.

*I thank God that you have made it possible
for me to sign this bill.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 2, 1980

8:00 a.m.

Family Dining Room

From: Frank Moore

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I. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer.

II. PARTICIPANTS

See attached list.

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III. AGENDA

We believe you should discuss the following matters at tomorrow's Leadership Breakfast:

1. Appropriations

The Senate was scheduled to pass three appropriations conference reports on Monday--HUD, State-Justice and Interior. However, it is unlikely that it will finish with all three because of extended debate on a motion to take up the Fair Housing bill.

You may well be asked whether or not you will veto the State-Justice bill because of the busing amendments. We suggest you not answer the question, saying you will make that decision after the bill gets to the White House. It would be appropriate to express concern about the amendment, of course.

Two other appropriations bills are in conference--Agriculture and Defense. You should encourage the Members to pass as many of the bills as possible to avoid a cumbersome Continuing Resolution.

2. Continuing Resolution

OMB has been working with the Appropriations Committees on the draft of the resolution. It incorporates all existing conference reports at the conference report level, including the State-Justice conference report. In other words, the busing

amendment is in the resolution, but not the Senate-passed grain embargo repealer.

You should ask the Leadership if there is any way to keep the busing amendment out of the Continuing Resolution.

3. Superfund

At close of business on Monday, the House was still negotiating to reach agreement on a Superfund bill. Congressman Biaggi thinks the Senate bill is too weak (an accurate assessment), mainly because it does not deal at all with oil spills.

You should encourage House leaders to continue pressure for an agreement. This bill is better than no bill. In order for a bill to pass this year, the House must accede to the Senate's amendments.

4. Reconciliation Bill

As you know, the conference committee completed action on a reconciliation bill saving between \$7 and \$8 billion. This coupled with \$2 billion savings achieved before constitutes a credible record. You should congratulate the Leadership on this achievement.

5. Senator Magnuson

Tomorrow may be the last opportunity before the session ends for you to recognize Senator Magnuson's departure from the Senate. As you remember, he was absent from the last Leadership Breakfast. Those closest to him worry about how he will handle the transition back to a private life. Some have suggested he write a book about his career in the Senate as a means of easing the transition. You might suggest that to him. Similarly, Congressman Brademas will be departing from the House at the close of the session. You should wish him well in his future endeavors.

6. Last Leadership Breakfast

This will be the last Leadership Breakfast. You should find an appropriate way to recognize the occasion, perhaps by giving your view of the joys and difficulties of working with the Congress as it currently operates. You should particularly recognize the contributions the Leadership has made to the great successes of your Presidency.

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 2, 1980

PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Warren G. Magnuson
Senator Alan Cranston
Senator Daniel Inouye

Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Congressman James Wright
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